

THE OLD ASHBROOK MINE.

Resurrection of an Ancient Box Elder Gold Producer.

TREATING HIGH GRADE ORE WITH A SAVING OF 94 PER CENT OF THE ASSAY VALUES.

In Antelope District—Promising indications for a big mining camp—Easy of Access and Not Far From the Railroad—The Florence Group—Owned by Salt Lake and Fillmore People—Developments Retarded in the Past Because of the Unwillingness of Prospectors to Grant Concessions—The Franchella Group—A Promising Lead Producer—Other Properties in the Camp—A Discovery of Rich Gold Flats—A River to Klondyke—Discovery of Gold Diggings Down in Peru—A Paradise Compared With Alaska.

Box Elder county, in the northwestern portion of the state, which 20 or 25 years ago cut quite an important figure in mining circles in the west, but which has practically been abandoned for many years, is again coming to the front, and from all accounts it will not be long before the mining camps of this section will make enviable records as producers of the precious metals, and of gold especially.

In former days the old Ashbrook mine in this locality was a noted producer and has over \$50,000 to its credit in ore shipments, but for various reasons it was abandoned and remained in that condition until a few months ago, when it was purchased by the Salt Lake Mining & Improvement company, since which time considerable work has been done in its development, and now it is being worked on an industrial basis.

There are 32 claims embraced in the group owned by the company, eight of which are patented. The ore deposits occur in blanket formation, the dip of the vein following the contour of the hillsides, and in ten different veins, and tunnels on the property have been exposed and there is enough mineral now in sight to keep the mill in operation for an indefinite period.

The ore is a fine milling proposition and carries average values of from 25 to 125 ounces silver and from \$25 to \$50 in gold to the ton, although there are portions of the vein that runs much higher than this.

The mill was running up a short time ago and is now running on 300 gold and silver, and any day it will be running from 12 to 20 tons a day. While no cleanup has been made as yet, head and tail assays show that a saving of 94 per cent of the assay value of the ore is being made, which is an excellent showing in any camp.

The battery at the mill is represented by one of Professor Lewis' rotary crushers, which are giving excellent satisfaction and is creating quite a furore in that section on account of its compact form and the easy manner with which it handles the ore, and the wonderful change, as there seems to be a sort of awakening in the camp.

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A short time ago The Herald made mention of the fact that the gold fields of Peru offered more attractions than could be found in the barren and inhospitable regions of Alaska, and this assertion has been corroborated by a writer in the San Francisco Examiner, who says:

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